Impediments in the tourists inflow due to Gulf War

60. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY.
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tourism Year which was announced by Government is a non-started and is seriously affected due to Gulf War,

(b) what are the main proposals formulation for boosting Tourism during 1991 to lure the foreign tourists;

(c) what are the main impediments for the tourists flow being much lesser when compared to our targets in this year; and

(d) what measures Government is taking to improve the tourism in our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) Tourism Year announced by Government is not a non-starter, but the foreign tourist arrivals have been affected due to Gulf War;

(b) Some of the main measures taken to boost tourism during the year 1991 are as under:—

(i) Liberalisation of visa procedure including the grant of multi-entry visa to encourage foreign tourist arrivals in the country.

(ii) Promotion of new areas and travel circuits in the country.

(iii) Promotion of traditional fairs and festivals during the year.

(iv) Strengthening of tourism infrastructure in the country.

(v) Aggressive marketing campaigns in selected international markets.

(c) Global situation has been the main factor which has hampered international travel all over the world including India.

(d) Improvement of tourist infrastructure, encouraging domestic tourism and publicity campaigns abroad to attract foreign tourists are among the measures being taken to improve tourism in the country.

Improvement in capacity utilisation and production of fertilizers

61. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the public sector fertilizer companies to improve capacity utilization and production;

(b) if so, whether the public sector fertilizer companies are unable to boost production etc. due to inadequate import of raw materials and several other factors; and